

III. REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections and reserve the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Further, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-3 and 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Kikinis (U.S. Patent No. 5,794,259), hereafter “Kikinis,” in view of Ashlin Weekly Update, April 3, 1999, downloaded from <http://www.ashlin.ca/news/HTM/19990403.htm>, hereinafter “Ashlin”; and claims 4-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Kikinis and Ashlin, and further in view of Bhatia et al. (US Publication No. 2002/0154162), hereafter “Bhatia.” Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections for the reasons stated below.

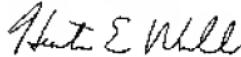
With respect to independent claim 1, Applicants submit that the suggested combination of the cited prior art does not disclose or suggest, *inter alia*, “upon determination (51) that said requested information data is not stored in the buffer memory allocated to the program component in the network client, the program component obtaining (57) the requested data by downloading (53, 55, 57) the requested data from the network server and filling (59) the dedicated form fields in the hypertext document with the downloaded information data[.]” (Claim 1). The Office admits that Kikinis does not disclose or suggest this feature (see Office Action at page 3), and relies on Ashlin to overcome this deficiency of Kikinis. Applicants submit that Ashlin also does not disclose or suggest this feature because Ashlin does not disclose or suggest the personal proxy

downloads the requested data from the network server and fills the dedicated form fields with the downloaded information data. A more careful reading of Ashlin shows that the internet sign-on capabilities of “digitalme” is coupled to the “meCards” feature including storing digital identity information on the card and using the Connection Points system to specify and control information to be either private or available to others. As such, the personal proxy may only fill the form fields with the stored information (that is specified to be available to others) in the intercepted forms. Ashlin does not disclose that the personal proxy downloads information from the network server to fill in the intercepted forms, contrary to the assertion of the Office. In addition, as generally used, a proxy is used to pass data from a machine locally coupled to the proxy to the internet, e.g., network server. The disclosure of Ashlin is conforming to this general definition of a proxy, and Ashlin does not provide or suggest any particular definition of the personal proxy that contradicts the general definition. In view of the foregoing, Ashlin does not disclose or suggest, either explicitly or inherently, that the personal proxy downloads the requested data from the network server and fills the dedicated form fields in the intercepted forms with the downloaded information data. As such, the suggested combination of Kikinis and Ashlin does not render the claimed invention obvious. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

The dependent claims are believed allowable for the same reasons stated above, as well as for their own additional features. Applicants submit that Bhatia does not overcome the deficiencies of Kikinis and Ashlin. In view of the foregoing, the Office fails to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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